



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 5:30PM

City Hall, 100 E Fountain St, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Barry Hottmann at 5:30pm. Members present: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Tom DeVoss, Jeff "Potsie" Weber, Mike Olson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Larry Tremelling. Members absent: Jerry Johnson.

City Hall Staff present: Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville Police Chief), Dylan Wadzinski (DPW)

Others Present: Eric Hagen (City of Dodgeville City Attorney), Philip A. Ley (Dodgeville Resident)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from 09/02/2025.
2. Approval of Claims from 09/16/2025.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber. Voice Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT *Citizen or delegation presentations, requests or comments and discussion of same, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.83 (2) and Sec. 19.84 (2). Ten minute limit except by consent of council. No action will be taken on any item that is not specifically listed on the agenda.*

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Clerk/Treasurer Report
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Wolfe reminded Council members of the Fall Clean Up to be held beginning Wednesday, October 1st, 2025 and running through Saturday, October 4th, 2025. Wolfe stated that the flyer for Fall Clean Up has been put in the entry at City Hall, as well as posted on the City's website, Facebook page, etc.
4. Mayor Report
During the Mayor Report, Mayor Hottmann stated that contamination issues with soil at the Library are currently being worked on. Originally, it was estimated that approximately 80 loads of soil may be removed. Mayor Hottmann positively reported that 6 dump trucks of soil were hauled on Friday, September 12th and an additional 12 dump trucks were hauled on Monday, September 15th, and at this time, contractors working on this project feel that the removal of soil project is now complete, and that they can continue to work construction of the new library.

Mayor Hottmann reports that construction at the armory continues to move forward.

Lastly, Mayor Hottmann reports that a few representatives from Upland Hills Health as well as Dylan Wadzinski (DPW) and Mayor Hottmann met to discuss infrastructure near the new hospital complex. At this time, Mayor Hottmann states that he and Dylan are ready to do some additional evaluation of this proposal, and will likely come forward at a future council meeting with a recommendation.

5. Consideration of the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Emily Van De Wiel to serve on the Historical Preservation Commission.

Mayor Hottmann reports that Ms. Van De Wiel originally asked to be removed from the HPC due to family obligations and schedule conflicts, however, Mayor Hottmann reports that Ms. Van De Wiel has been attending several of the past HPC meetings, and would like to be re-instated to this commission. Mayor Hottmann reports that with council approval, he would like to re-instate Ms. Van De Wiel to HPC, and then re-review her involvement with this committee when her term is set to expire in April 2026.

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Johnson-Solberg to re-instate Emily Van De Wiel to Historical Preservation Commission until her term expires in April 2026. Voice Vote 7-0. Motion Carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

6. Approval of the following liquor license application for 2025-2026: Class "A" Retailers Fermented Malt Beverage & "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License for Dodgeville Liquor Inc, dba Dean's Liquor – Prakash Navadia, Agent.
Dean's Liquor, currently owned by Dean Rogers is looking to be sold, so a new liquor license is needed for the new owner.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Tremelling to approve the 2025-2026 Class "A" Retailers Fermented Malt Beverage & "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License for Dodgeville Liquor Inc, dba Dean's Liquor. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Application for 2025-2026: Dodgeville Liquor Inc, dba Dean's Liquor.
Dean's Liquor, currently owned by Dean Rogers is looking to be sold, so a new liquor license is needed for the new owner.

Motion by Weber, second by Sersch to approve the Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Application for 2025-2026 for Dodgeville Liquor Inc, dba Dean's Liquor. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

8. Approval of a Temporary Class "B" Beer and Temporary "Class B" Wine to St. Joseph's School for the Pio Palooza event on October 5, 2025.
Chief Wilhelm reports no issues with this request for licensing, and is granting approval.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to approve the Temporary Class "B" Beer and Temporary "Class B" Wine to St. Joseph's School for the Pio Palooza event on October 5, 2025. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the Special Event License application for the Dodgeville Farmers market event on Saturday, September 27th.

Chief Wilhelm reports no major concerns with this request for licensing. Chief Wilhelm notes that because the original Farmers Market in the church parking lot will also be taking place this day, in conjunction with the farmers market event in the Dipper Lot, he would advise that the Police Department place cones as a temporary crosswalk, and/or re-direct attendees to a different cross walk (suggestion to the one by Dino's) to avoid injuries. Wilhelm also advised that officer presence temporarily would be beneficial to prevent injuries, accidents, etc.

Motion by Weber, second by DeVoss to approve the Special Event License application for the Dodgeville Farmers market event on Saturday, September 27th. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

10. Discussion on Potential One-Way Designation for 100 block of E. Fountain Street.

During this discussion, Mayor Hottmann stated that he and Dylan have had multiple conversations surrounding making the 100 block of East Fountain Street a one-way. One of the main reasons of doing this is due to the library expansion project, where when the library project is complete, cars will be coming in off of Iowa Street and exiting onto Union Street. Mayor Hottmann suggests that by making the 100 block of East Fountain Street a one-way, would improve traffic flow for patrons exiting the library, as well as possibly increase the amount of parking spaces on East Fountain Street. Chief Wilhelm stated that his team is okay with this approach.

There was no action taken during this discussion. Mayor Hottmann stated that a proposal of the layout of this construction project would be presented at future council meetings.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve partial street improvements to Craig Street located north of E. North Street.

Philip A. Ley – known as Tony Ley (Dodgeville Resident) was in attendance of the Council Meeting to present to council his proposal for property he owns on Craig Street, near East North Street. Ley proposed to the council that he would like to obtain a driveway permit for the property he owns on Craig Street, however, the drawback is due to the wasteland near his property, and the utility lines that are currently located near his property. Ley notes that he has received multiple email communications from Frontier (utility company) noting that the lines have been moved, however, feels that anyone looking to purchase this property would have reservations with purchasing due to the deed not stating that these lines had been moved. In the presentation, Ley notes that he has been working with a lawyer, and is proposing to Common Council and the City's attorney to make negotiations so that Ley can complete his driveway, and eventually build a duplex for Ley to reside in.

Motion by Olson, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve for Mayor Hottmann and City Attorney Hagen to enter into negotiations with Phillip Ley's attorney for street improvements to Craig Street located north of E. North Street. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

12. Presentation from Phillip Ley on Ley Hilltop Subdivision – North addition development 13.

Philip A. Ley – known as Tony Ley (Dodgeville Resident) was in attendance of the Council meeting to present to council his proposal to sell property he owns at the Ley Hilltop Subdivision – North Addition Development 13. Ley states that he is looking to potentially sell this land that he currently owns, and based on engineering expenses that have already been incurred for this property, feels that approximately 20 homes could be built on this land eventually. City attorney Hagen reminds the council that this parcel of land is currently zoned as B-H, and would need to go through a series of proposals to Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, etc, in order to be sold as residential.

No action was taken by council. Only proposal by Ley, as well as discussion amongst council members.

13. Update and Discussion on Recent Sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes.

During this discussion, Mayor Hottmann told council that the sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes occurred on September 10th, and was successful. Funds from the borrowing should arrive around the first week of October.

No action was taken.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

14. Discussion and possible action to approve hiring a moving company with not-to-exceed cost pending additional bids.

During this discussion, Mayor Hottmann noted that Infinity Moving Services, who council originally approved as the city's moving company to help aid in moving services to the new admin building had to back out, due to scheduling conflicts and other schedule obligations. Mayor Hottmann noted to the council that the city is actively looking to get other quotes for moving services, and also has a couple of moving companies who will be touring the facility in the near future, in order to get quotes for this as well.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to table to special council meeting on Tuesday, September 30th. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

15. Discussion – Follow-up on City Building Projects and Update on Previous Cost Overrun Presentation.

During this discussion, Mayor Hottmann gave an update of remodeling at the Armory Building. Mayor Hottmann stated that in a presentation given at the 9/2/25 council meeting, there was a quote from J.F. Ahern to replace all leaking piping at the armory, which would also include to replace drywall, etc. Mayor Hottmann positively reported that after further investigation by J.F. Ahern, they were able to reduce costs for the city by only having to replace some of the piping in one of the bathrooms at the armory, and drain and cap some of the other piping that was not needed, which reduced the amount of drywall that needed to be replaced, and in essence reduced some of the costs for this project. Mayor Hottmann states that good movement is being made at the armory, and hopes to begin moving the items from City Hall to the armory, beginning on/around the 1st of October.

No action was taken during this discussion.

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

IX. CLOSED SESSION

16. Consider adjourning to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (e) for the purpose of deliberating and negotiating the potential purchase of several publicly owned properties by the City, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion by Weber, second by DeVoss to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

X. OPEN SESSION

17. The Council may reconvene in open session to take action on matters discussed in closed session or continue with the regular agenda.
18. Any Action Needed as a Result of Closed Session.

XI. ADJOURN

19. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Tremelling, second by Weber to adjourn

Time: 8:09PM